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Lines That Have Been Highly Praised Declared to Have Been Produced in Time of Peace.

Robert Service, the Canadian writer, who is at present engaged in Red Cross work in France, has sent to the Paris correspondent of an English paper what he describes as "the best war poem I have seen." The verses, which, Mr. Service says, were found by a French priest on the body of an English soldier killed at the Marne, run as follows:

They say that war is hell, the great accursed;
The sin impossible to be forgiven;
Yet I can look upon it at its worst,
And still see blue in heaven.
For when I note how nobly natures form
Under the war's red rain, I deem it true
That he who made the earthquake and the storm
Perchance made battles, too.

As a matter of fact, the lines were written in a time of profound peace, like most good war poems, and by a man who was an ecclesiastic, not a soldier. Their author was Doctor Alexander, the late lord primate of Ireland, and they were first published in the Times some seven or eight years ago.—Manchester Guardian.

LEFT IN THE DARK.

Green—There goes a woman whom I once considered the light of my life.

Brown—Why, didn't you marry her?

Green—A chap with more money than I could show came along, and the light went out.

QUITE SO.

"Did you see how red those four young women got when you detected them trying to get in on a bogus pass?"

"Yes; it was a regular case of four flushing."

THE LIMIT.

"Is that orator speaking for peace at any price?"

"Oh, no; he's fixed substantial minimum rates."

THE UNIVERSAL THEORY.

"Why do you suppose Jinks is so continually looking at his watch?"

"I have a suspicion. There may be a woman in the case."

SOME HOPE LEFT.

"Is your father's illness serious?"

"I think not. He's been in bed for three days now and so far the doctor hasn't suggested an operation."

HUMAN UNANIMITY.

"Men are alike in all times. I dare say when Adam first met Eve he thought she was good enough to eat."

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